(b) what action has been taken so far to implement the above recommendations and the future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A resolution has been passed and sent to concerned Ministries/ Departments for compliance.

Tapping of Telephones

5543. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many authorities tap the telephones of different citizens without any proper permission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that telephones of certain individuals like Mr. Rajiv Chawla and Rajesh Kalra have recently been tapped unauthorisedly; and

(d) what action Government will take to protect the privacy of ordinary citizens under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No such specific information has come to notice.

(c) It would not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

(d) Rules have been framed under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 on 16.02.1999 to build in adequate safeguards for the exercise of power for interception of messages.

Interrogation of Suspects at their Residence

5544. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any investigation into reasons for increasing death in police custody; and

(b) if so, whether Government would plan to interrogate the suspects at their residences to avoid over-crowding of jails and also to give more humane image?